



Walthill Public School



February/March 2018 Newsletter



Girls Basketball L to R: Ava Springer, Janika Brown, Ashlee Grant, Shylee Bass, Jaylene Grant, TomiSalie Parker, Kalleah WhiteEyes, Savannah Sheridan, Sandra Grant, Angelina Grant, Nevaeh Moniz-Morris, Bessie Climer, Claudette Galvin, Hayleigh Lasley. The girls are coached by Rob Kiviranta, Bosco Sheridan and Megan Stansberry.



Boys Basketball L to R: Back Row Coach Ryan Stansberry, Delsin Webster, Tyree Parker, Lyndon Harlan, Durand Morris, Maquel Grant, Marco Tapia, Tyron Parker, Galen Aldrich, Jamery Sherman, Quintin Dick
Middle Row: Damon Cook, Taveon Baxter, Tavion Brown, Kobe Moniz, Ben Lovejoy, DeVon Grant, Kain Miller, Kason Cline, Kobe Cline
Front Row: Ralph Galvin, Quinc Dick, CJ Porter, Kallen WhiteEyes, Zander Lovejoy, Sakoy Webster, Jalen Grant, Kaden Sheridan, Sonny LaMotte



JH Girls L to R Back Row: Coach Megan Stansberry, Lily Phillips, Allison Levering, Janissa Whitewater, LaShaie Sheridan, Kalen Sherman, Evelyn Merrick, Coach Chris Swanson
 Front Row: Starla Ahlman, Memori Cleveland, Kaelynne Wolfe, Tavey Sheridan, Sylvia Valentino



JH Boys L to R Back Row: Coach Mark Evetovich, Nate Morris, Latrell Lasley, Ronnie Brockman, Charles Parker, Jarius Harlan, Taylen McCauley, Victor Bird, Coach Glen Randle
 Middle Row: Jason Walker, Owen Herrea, Lawrence Lovejoy, Decklin Cayou, Jeremy Miller, Julius Webster
 Front Row: Thomas Davidson, Riley McCauley, Tyrese Lovejoy, Kenyon WhiteEyes, Todd Stabler, Matayus Sparks, Carlton Harlan

The Walthill JH boys basketball finished the 2017-2018 season with a 5-3 record. The boys beat Emerson-Hubbard, Pender, Omaha Nation, and Santee. The team was beaten by Winnebago and BRLD in the regular season. In the Homer Tournament, the team finished 1-1 for 3rd place. They beat Wakefield and lost to Allen. The "B" team finished with a 3-0 record.



Walthill Public School hosted the first annual Walthill JH Girls Basketball Tournament on Dec 18, 2017. Taking home first place was the Walthill JH girls. They defeated Winnebago 44-29 in the Championship game.

The Walthill JH girls that played in the tournament are shown here with their 1st Place Trophy
Back Row L to R: Lily Phillips, Tavey Sheridan and Janissa Whitewater
Front Row L to R: LaShaie Sheridan, Sylvia Valentino, Kaelynne Wolfe and Memori Cleveland.

Walthill JH Girls ended their season undefeated, with a 7-0 record.

Students are introduced to a Learning Management System

by Mrs. JoAnn Schmedding

The learning management system (LMS) Canvas is being used in the Information Technology classes this year. Junior high students are also introduced to Canvas as well in numerous units. A LMS is software used for the electronic delivery of educational courses, textbooks, tests, assignments, videos, etc. It is a very important part of the student's e-learning in preparation for college and/or a career. Assignments can be distributed and handed in electronically with a LMS. Training programs for many businesses are offered through learning management systems, as well.

The high school information technology students just completed a unit on Becoming a Successful Digital Citizen. A majority of their class work was completed through the Canvas program. It is like the students are taking an online class, but with a teacher present to assist with questions that arise. This semester my homeroom students are also using the Canvas LMS program to complete lessons forming leadership skills using the Habitudes workbook.

This past December students in K-6 took the reading and math assessments for our MAP testing. Between testing periods (Fall to Winter and Winter to Spring) our district would like to see a 2-3 % increase in their scores. For our 94 students that were in our reading program (K-6) students averaged a score of 7.67 %. This increase indicates that students in the reading program achieved scores during the first semester that we would like to see for whole school year. Congratulations to all students for making a difference in their reading!!

As a part of the "Believing the College Dream" program we have been bringing in guest speakers to talk to the kids about their future. We always look for Walthill graduates who are being successful in their after-college careers.

Wednesday, Jan 17, our guest was Travis Morgan, currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Sioux City Symphony. A 1996 graduate of Walthill, Travis told the Fifth Graders that he had wanted to get into Broadcasting when he was young, and geared his school work and college studies toward this goal. After college Travis worked for KTIV in Sioux City, then television stations in Omaha and Sioux Falls before returning to Sioux City to become the Sports Director at KCAU. He became the Marketing Director at Winnegas before being recruited for the position at the Sioux City Symphony.

Travis enjoyed his visit to "The Hill," sharing some of his memories with the students, and exhorting them to do their best in school to prepare for their future.



Library News

Get ready for the Book Fair! I hope to see you at the Spring Book Fair this February. We start on Monday, Feb. 5th and run through Monday Feb. 12th. We will stay open until 4:00 p.m., except on Thursday, Feb. 9th during Parent-Teacher Conferences when we are open until 7:00 p.m. There will be \$1.00 and under books, food and prizes. Everyone is welcome. See you there!



CHILD FIND

Walthill Public School requests your help in locating children who may be in need of early intervention services or supports. Child Find is a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that requires states to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities, aged birth to 21, who are in need of early intervention or special education services. Please use the following developmental milestones as a guideline for assessing your child's development. If you are concerned about your child's development, or that of another child in the community, please contact Shannon Burgett at Walthill School at 402-846-5432, Ext. 160.

DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES

BIRTH TO 4 MONTHS

- Vary cries to tell you what he/she needs
- Coo back and forth in conversation with you
- Roll from side to back
- Hold and swipe at objects
- Smile and laugh when you play
- Know and prefer your voice

4-8 MONTHS

- Touch you and her toys to signal for more
- Recognize names of familiar people, daily routines
- Roll over in both directions
- Pick up toys of all sizes
- Move objects from hand to hand
- Explore toys
- Turn and look toward sounds
- Sit without support

8-12 MONTHS

- Combine many different sounds
- Move forward to explore the environment
- Stand with support
- Place toys in containers and take them out again
- Cry and fuss when separating from you

12-18 MONTHS

- Use a few words to tell you what she wants
- Make simple choices
- Walk independently
- Learn how to make simple things work
- Place pegs or forms into boards or shape boxes
- Express many types of emotion with more intensity

18-24 MONTHS

- Say two-word phrases
- Climb on the furniture
- Throw a ball
- Pretend with dolls and household items
- Complete simple puzzles and fit toys together
- Play side by side with other children

2 YEARS

- Combine three to four words in phrases
- Ask questions
- Balance on one foot and learn to jump
- Climb up and down stairs
- Fit together objects of different sizes and shapes
- Learn about quantities
- Act out daily experiences
- Play with other children of the same age

3 YEARS

- Learn many ideas and use new words in short sentences
- Ask many questions and tell stories
- Become more coordinated for running, climbing and riding a tricycle
- Learn about gender and family differences
- Match colors and shapes
- Learn to play with other children
- Learn to solve problems

4 YEARS

- Use words to respond to others
- Use longer sentences in conversations
- Improve drawing, building and cutting skills
- Discover about sizes, volumes, shapes and colors

- Learn to count
- Participate in dramatic play
- Play cooperatively with other children
- Recognize some numbers and letters

5 YEARS





- Run, jump, hop, skip and climb with ease
- Follow three-step directions
- Recognize her printed name
- Ask and answer who, what, when, where questions
- Enjoy games and follow simple rules
- Understand right and wrong
- Draw with detail
- Show independence through strong emotion



AdvancedED Learning Domain

Our group is focused on student learning. We analyze data on student learning and assess the school's effectiveness of implementing strategies to meet the deficiencies. Each member of the group has input about state and district assessments and the ability to voice concerns. We are sensitive as to the specific and special needs of our student population and stakeholders. Showcasing student work in the area of the arts is a primary goal of the group. This helps bridge the gap between the school and the community while giving students added pride in their work.

Bridging the Gap Activity between Students and Teachers/Staff put on by AdvancED Resource Domain before Christmas break

	
Dance Dance Revolution	Volleyball
	
Card Games	Bop It



February 7th
3pm-7pm



Fight Flu and Germs

You've probably already heard it: the telltale sniffles of flu season, which peaks in January and February. Navigate flu and germ season with these tactics for prevention and care.

About the Vaccine

Though it's best to get vaccinated in the fall, it's not too late to get a flu shot at the start of winter. Everyone age six months and older can receive the vaccine, which is available as a shot or nasal spray. Children are at a higher risk for the flu, since their immune systems are developing. It's especially important to vaccinate children younger than 5 and those with chronic health conditions. Don't forget to get vaccinated yourself!

If you're not sure where to get a flu shot, ask your principal or school nurse for information on clinics or community agencies that may be providing flu shots.

If Your Child Is Sick

Children who can't keep their eyes open, even after having a normal night's sleep, may be coming down with something. Add an "achy" feeling and loss of appetite, and it's likely that the flu is on the way. If, before school, you think your child may be starting to get sick, alert the teacher and make sure an adult is available for pick-up in case your child needs to come home.

Children who are feverish, nauseated, or bone-tired can't learn well, and can spread their illness to others. So, keep them home. Before returning to school, your child needs to have gone without a fever or vomiting for at least 24 hours.

Talk to your child's teacher to find out the best way to make up missed work. Often, a child not quite well enough to return to class can complete assignments at home, making the workload easier to manage once he or she is back in school. Have your child make up the work as soon as possible.

Preventing the Spread of Germs

Keep your family healthy all winter long by practicing everyday disease prevention tactics.

Stress the importance of handwashing. Because germs are invisible, it's difficult for children to understand how dangerous a cough or sneeze can be. Be sure to stress

the importance of washing hands, using lots of soap and water, and scrubbing until there are bubbles—before meals and snacks, and after coughing, sneezing, or using a tissue. Many brands of liquid hand soap come in fun designs, scents, or colors, and letting children pick their own can be a fun way to encourage hand washing.

Use the "birthday song" method. Teach your child to wash his or her hands for as long as it takes to sing the entire "Happy Birthday" song.

Cough like Dracula. Children need to learn to always cover their mouths when they cough. Have your child cough into his or her sleeves, not hands, to prevent the spread of germs.

Keep hands away from eyes, nose, and mouth. Children sometimes absentmindedly put their fingers in their mouth or nose, or rub their eyes. Help

your child keep his or her hands away from "germy" areas—eyes, nose, and mouth.

Trash the tissues. Used tissues are full of germs. Teach your child to immediately put used tissues in the trash, and then wash his or her hands.

Set a healthy example. Model all these healthy behaviors—sneezing into your elbow, washing your hands frequently—and your child will follow suit.



Web Resources

Visit Flu.gov for the latest updates on this flu season.

For a round-up of germ prevention techniques, visit this Centers for Disease Control page. www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/stopgerms.htm

This "Too Sick for School?" quiz from *Parents magazine* will help you decide whether your child should stay home. www.parents.com/kids/too-sick-for-school/



February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	01	02 	03
04	05	06 VBB @ Omaha Nation 6:00	07	08 1:30 Student Dismissal VBB Home 6:00 Parents Night Parent Teacher Conferences 3-7	09 No School	10
11 Girls Sub Districts	12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16 Boys BBall @ Nebraska Lutheran 7:00	17
18 Boys Sub Districts	19	20	21	22	23 No School Teacher In Service Girls District Finals	24
25	26	27 Boys District Finals	28	01	02	03



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	01 Girls State Basketball	02	03
04	05	06	07	08 1:30 Student Dismissal End of 3 rd Qtr Boys State Basketball	09 No School	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 
18 1:30 Student Dismissal	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 No School Easter Break	31

